

Rabbis Assail Hughes in Call For Jewish Ban

Efforts to Curb Immigration From Lithuania Attacked as Against U. S. Ideals in Passover Sermons

Militant Policy Urged

Time to Drop Submissive Air and Demand Rights, Declares Dr. Goldstein

Jews celebrated Passover yesterday, and in many of their synagogues the rabbis expressed resentment in their sermons at the statement attributed to the State Department that some Jews in Lithuania ought to be excluded from the United States.

"A few days ago," said Rabbi Samuel Schulman at Temple Beth-El, "the newspapers informed us that in a communication, forwarded as a routine of business by our Secretary of State to the chairman of a committee of Congress, there was a remarkable statement made by some of our representatives abroad that among the Letts and Lithuanians there were undesirable Jews and that they should be shut out from immigrating to our shores."

"What right has any man to pass such sweeping judgment upon Jews that may happen to come from Lithuania?"

Blames Selfish Labor

"I am not going into a discussion of the immigration policy of this country. We know very well that it is, to a great extent, influenced not by solicitude for the purity of American ideals of freedom, justice and humanity, but rather by the selfishness of the power of labor, which is so taken up with its own interests, many of them highly deserving of the support of every fair-minded citizen, that it has forgotten the precious teachings of the Republic which safeguards its own liberties."

"The Jews who came from Lithuania are simple, pious, virtuous, hard-working men and women. They ask only for the opportunity, as did their kinsmen and forefathers, to come to this land and earn their daily bread and rear their children in the love of the American flag. In this very city there are Jews who have come from Lithuania who stand in the front ranks of the best citizenship as merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, physicians, preachers, who will yield to none in the love of American institutions."

"Deplores Proposed Ban
A similar view of the attitude of the United States was taken by Dr. Maurice H. Harris, who said at Temple Israel, in Harlem:

"Israel has had many lands of promise in its checkered career to which it

has turned for liberty in time of persecution. Those of our brethren to-day persecuted in the Ukraine by the savage soldiery of Denikine and Petlura, in Russia under the Bolshevik terror, their homes ruined and their women polluted in Poland, are turning to this land of promise, the United States of America, from the revived anti-Semitism of Germany and Austria."

"Alas, our country has decided to break its own record as a land of hospitable welcome! In its proposed immigration laws it threatens almost to close the gates to these refugees from persecution. Alas that our Secretary of State, Hughes, should have announced this week that America must pass a rigid exclusion law and that in his citation of undesirable classes he should have mentioned the Jew! I am relieved to learn that he was misquoted."

"But we still hope that kinder counsels will ultimately prevail. Optimistic hope has ever kept the Jews alive in the words of the Passover story of every age, people have risen up to destroy us, but the providence of God delivered us from their hands."

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, of the Institutional Synagogue, said that the United States owed its very government to the Jews, having borrowed the fundamental principles of it from the Old Testament. Instead of showing gratitude to the Jews, he said, the nation now was trying to exclude them from its shores and the time had come for those already in this country to stop being submissive and demand justice "in the most militant way."

Sees Traditions Violated

"Note what a violation of the traditions of this country has been committed," he said, "and what a disgrace, when the State Department declared

that because Armenians, Jews and Persians had been tossed hither and thither since 1914 they are an undesirable element for any country."

"Observe what cruelty has been attempted against the Armenians, the Jews and the Persians by the State Department. Not content merely with advocating their exclusion from America, the State Department advises that they are an undesirable element for any country. In other words, friends, these poor, unfortunate, tossed-about human beings should not be admitted anywhere, but left to starve and die."

"This is no time to mince words. The Jew has been submissive long enough. The Jew must now demand in the most militant way from America and from the rest of the Christian world justice."

Services for women of the Jewish faith in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island were held yesterday for the first time at Passover. After the sermon by Dr. Marcus Friedlander they were addressed by Jessie Bogen, head of the war orphans' department of the Joint Committee for Jewish War Sufferers.

Private Funeral for Cudahy; Widow to Get \$100,000 a Year

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Private funeral services were held here today for John P. Cudahy, who killed himself Wednesday. The body was placed in a vault pending a decision as to its final disposition.

Cudahy left no will, according to his attorney, who stated it was unnecessary, as his income of \$100,000 a year, from a trust fund provided by his father, the late Michael Cudahy, Kansas City packer, would automatically go to the widow and children.

Pershing to Oust 'Lame Duck' Units In National Guard

Plans to Tighten Discipline of State Forces; Confers With Weeks on Status of War Staff Under Laws

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 23.—General Pershing, commander of the United States armies, and Secretary of War Weeks conferred today for the first time since the general was definitely assigned to the task of organizing a general headquarters staff to take over immediately the combat forces of the American military in the event of war. The War Secretary and General Pershing went over briefly the problems of creating the war staff which have arisen from the wording of the national defense act and the army reorganization legislation. These definitely describe the functions of the War Department General Staff and outline the future of the National Guard and the organized reserves, but make no provision for the proposed great army headquarters.

It will be General Pershing's task to

draft a program of procedure which will work in with the existing army establishments, rather than conflict with the branches of the War Department already formed and functioning. After this program has been worked out attention is to be given by General Pershing to making instantly available all the man-power resources of the country, with particular reference to whipping the National Guard into shape for actual military operations.

General Pershing is known to feel that a great improvement is possible in making the state militia a perfect military machine. That the National Guard organizations in the World War played a most important part is not disputed by General Pershing, yet he believes that more of the strict discipline of the regular army is required to make the National Guard organizations completely fulfill their obligation as a military unit. As the commanding general of the American combat forces, General Pershing would work to eliminate the "lame ducks" in the National Guard organizations, strip the state militia entirely of its present political character and make membership, especially among the officer personnel, depend solely on military fitness rather than on personal popularity with the Governor or the Adjutant General of any state.

General Pershing realizes that the America fighting machine cannot be made instantly available for any emergency until ample preparations are made for the armies in the field. It is to provide the American govern-

ment with a military organization that can solve actual military problems in advance that the new general headquarters is to be formed and kept constantly in shape for active warfare. This war staff will take over none of the functions of the present War Department General Staff or other existing branches of the military establishment, but instead General Pershing will create an organization that would be utilized in the field of operations just as G. H. Q. of the A. E. F. functioned.

\$29,000,000 Received Will Provide for European Relief

Approximately \$29,000,000 was realized by the nation-wide campaign of the European Relief Council for funds to provide the 3,500,000 children in eastern and central Europe with food until the next harvest, it was announced yesterday.

Because of the falling prices of foodstuffs it was explained that this sum would be sufficient to carry out the council's program, which, when it was outlined, was expected to cost \$33,000,000.

Nicaragua Leaves the League

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 23.—Nicaragua has given up its membership in the League of Nations, because of the expense attaching to holding a place in it. Announcement that the government was considering withdrawing was made some time ago.

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